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## **PUBLIC FORUM TO BE HELD AT KQED FOR 2010 SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES**

- Co-sponsored by KQED Education Network -

- Tuesday, October 19 at 6:30pm -

**SAN FRANCISCO (October 8, 2010)** – "Arts and Achievement for All," a public forum for 2010 San Francisco Board of Education candidates, will be held on Tuesday, October 19th, 6:30-8:30pm at KQED Public Media (2601 Mariposa Street, San Francisco). The event is open to the public and free of charge. Moy Eng, who has served as a program director for the arts at The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, will moderate the discussion, which will be based on the future of art and student achievement in San Francisco public schools. All San Francisco School Board candidates have been invited to participate.

The forum is supported by the Partnership for Creative Learning, a local action group dedicated to educational excellence for all of San Francisco's students.

The Partnership states, "Too many young people miss the opportunity to benefit from the creative process as part of their public education because of ever-growing barriers like limited instructional time or re-allocation of funding due to severe budget cuts. But teaching and engaging youth in the arts is more than just a nicety; it is a necessity that positions young people for success in school, work and in life. Quality arts curriculum and programs make youth more innovative, creative, and better critical thinkers – vitally important skills that every child needs and deserves in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. We believe all of San Francisco's students – not just those whose families can afford it – deserve the opportunity to excel through a quality arts education."

For more information, please visit [kqed.org/events](http://kqed.org/events).

Following the forum, KQED News will offer commentary and a link to an audio recording of the event at [KQEDnews.org](http://KQEDnews.org).

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the nation with an award-winning news and public affairs program service delivering more than fifteen local newscasts daily. KQED Interactive hosts KQED's cross-platform news service, KQED News, as well as offers video and audio podcasts and a live radio stream at [kqed.org](http://kqed.org). The Education Network brings the impact of KQED to thousands of teachers, students, parents, and the general public through workshops, community screenings, and multimedia resources.